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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

-against-

19-CR-212 (VEC)

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RUSSELL COOK,

<u>ORDER</u>

Defendant.

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VALERIE CAPRONI, United States District Judge:

WHEREAS on October 31, 2019, Mr. Cook pled guilty to the offense of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine, Dkt. 116;

WHEREAS on October 31, 2019, the Court deferred acceptance of Mr. Cook's guilty plea;

WHEREAS on March 2, 2020, the Court sentenced Mr. Cook; and

WHEREAS the Court neglected to formally accept Mr. Cook's guilty plea on March 2, 2020;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, *nunc pro tunc*, that the Court finds that there was an adequate factual basis for Mr. Cook's guilty plea; that Mr. Cook understood at the time of his plea the rights he was giving up and waived those rights knowingly and voluntarily; the Court further finds that Mr. Cook understood the consequences of his plea, including the potential sentence that could be imposed. Because the Court finds that the Defendant's plea was entered knowingly and voluntarily and was supported by an independent factual basis for each and every element of the crime(s) charged, the Court accepts Mr. Cook's guilty plea.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 30, 2020 New York, NY

United States District Judge